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reputation was established she married the brilliant and eccentric John Armstrong Chandler, a lawyer whose wealth came from the Astor millions, who was subsequently legally confined in a sanatorium.

But Amélie Rives' *metier* was writing. On the heels of her first book came two others, "A Brother to Dragons" and "Virginia of Virginia." This was followed by a tragedy in blank verse, "Herod and Mariamne." Ill health interrupted her literary work and at times compelled her to abandon it altogether; but she worked when she could, and in all has produced some fifteen books thus far, among them "According to St. John," "Barbara Dering," "Tanis," "Selené," "The Golden Rose," "Trix and Over-the-Moon."

The author divorced Mr. Chandler, and several years afterward married Prince Pierre Troubetzkoy, a Russian who has won distinction as a portrait painter and sculptor both in Europe and in this country. Since her second marriage, in 1896, she has preferred to be known as Princess Troubetzkoy, abandoning her maiden name, which she had signed to all her literary work up to that time.

It may interest you to know that in writing to the editor about *The Manager's Wife*, Princess Troubetzkoy said she considered it the best short story she had written.

THERE is another fine story in our next number, one of those lively, exciting tales of the Barnegat life savers in which real sentiment plays as important a part as the action. It is called *Raja*, and is by S. Ten Eyck Bourke. Perhaps you may think it ought to be a prize story; and maybe it would have been, only the author has another entered which he considers even better.

THE new serial, *The Sovereign Power*, by Mark Lee Luther, gets into full swing; or rather it continues in its swing, for it starts that way, as you can tell from the opening instalment in this number.

AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW, by James Hay, Jr., is really a tragedy of truth, and one that should do a whole lot of good. Also it is strong in its important interest. He tells the truth about Government jobs, especially the clerkships, in Washington.

PRAIRIE MONITORS

IN the '60's, soon after John Ericsson's turret Monitor defended the Union, the plainsmen of Kansas were making use on land of the turret idea. From Hays, at that time the farthest point reached by the Union Pacific, the Smoky Hill route ran for a hundred and twenty miles west through Trego, Gove, Logan, and Wallace Counties.

The stage ranches, where horses were changed and drivers cared for, were much harassed by Indians. Stables were fired and women and children were captured or killed. The Government was unable to provide garrisons strong enough to patrol Smoky Hill.

To protect themselves the frontiersmen devised and built prairie monitors. The monitor was a deep cellar, thirty to fifty yards from the ranch house. The roof was of heavy logs, deeply covered with earth, the whole rising only a foot above the level of the ground.

Loopholes large enough to sight a rifle through were cut on all sides. Thus the land monitor presented these two essential ideas: a small and difficult target for the enemy, and a circular protection from which to shoot in all directions. An underground passage from the ranch house led to the monitor. This passage was so low that one had to crawl on hands and knees.

Inside the monitor planks resting on boxes gave the defenders support which brought their heads and shoulders to the level of the loopholes. Women and non-combatants sat on the floor in safety. When the ranch house and the stable were in flames or marauding Indians were battering down the doors, the occupants took to the monitor by underground passages. There they found always a store of ammunition, food, and water.

These underground forts baffled the Indians, who could not dig out or starve out the garrisons. The besieged had a perfect range from which to fire on the besiegers, and return fire was as futile as if directed into a sandpile. White puffs of smoke spouting from the ground wore out the courage and patience of the Indians. They did what damage they could to property; but usually drew off after a short siege. Then the frontiersmen came out from their holes, went to building again, and in the end conquered the West.



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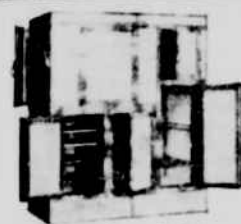
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